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DEPT PASS IO/SCT

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, IAEA, AFIN

SUBJECT: REDUCING THE U.S. ASSESSMENT RATE IN IAEA

REF: STATE 185469

1. FOR REASONS DESCRIBED BELOW, MISSION PROPOSES,  
IF DEPT CONCURS, SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER TO DIRECTOR  
GENERAL FOR THAT CONTAINED REFTEL: QUOTE THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT STRONGLY BELIEVES, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE,  
THAT THE MAXIMUM BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT OF ANY ONE  
MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED  
AGENCIES, OR THE IAEA, SHOULD NOT EXCEED 25 PERCENT. A  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THIS PRINCIPLE, ADOPTED BY  
THE UNGA IN 1972 (RESOLUTION 2961 B/XXVII),  
CALLS FOR ACHIEVING THAT MAXIMUM AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.  
THE IAEA MOVED IN THE DIRECTION OF FULFILLING THE  
PRINCIPLE WHEN IT ESTABLISHED THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS  
AT THE EIGHTEENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE IN 1974.

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QUOTE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE IAEA SHOULD  
TAKE STEPS IN ESTABLISHING THE SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS  
FOR 1978 TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF REDUCING THE  
U.S. BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT TO 25 PERCENT, AS THE UNITED  
NATIONS AND ALL OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVE  
ALREADY DONE. UNQUOTE.

2. FYI DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
(ABBADESSA) IS PREPARING DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD ACHIEVE REDUCTION  
OF U.S. ASSESSMENT RATE BY UTILIZING SAME FORMULA ADOPTED BY IAEA  
GENERALCONFERENCE IN 1974 (SEE DOCUMENT GC (XVIII)/528.  
WHILE NOT RPT NOT READILY APPARENT FROM LATTER  
DOCUMENT, CLOSE STUDY REVEALS THAT THAT FORMULA, IN ACHIEVING  
PARTIAL REDUCTION OF U.S. BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT  
IN 1974, RESULTED IN INCREASES IN ASSESSMENTS FOR CERTAIN  
MEMBER STATES, THIS IS NOT RPT NOT FULLY CONSIS-  
TENT WITH UNGA RESOLUTION (PARA C). AGENCY BELIEVES HOWEVER, THAT  
IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO EMBARK AT THIS STAGE ON A NEW FORMULA FOR  
ACHIEVING FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE U.S. ASSESSMENT RATE.  
I.E., TO 25 PERCENT. AGENCY (ABBADESSA) STRONGLY PREFERS, THEREFORE,  
THAT U.S. LETTER AVOID IMPLYING THAT AGENCY SHOULD  
ADHERE STRICTLY TO ALL ASPECTS OF UNGA RESOLUTION.  
MISSION HAS SHOWN PROPOSED REDRAFT OF LETTER IN  
PARA ONE ABOVE TO ABBADESSA, WHO CONCURS. END FYI.

3. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. LABOWITZ

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